

I am concerned about the erosion of local news and public affairs programming caused by the weakening of broadcast ownership limits and rules which had permitted the FCC and the local community to monitor broadcasters to ensure that their programs served their community of license with programs that meet community needs and interests. In the Diocese of Buffalo locally generated religious programming, although wanted by the community, has all but disappeared, replaced by syndicated talk shows and infomercials. I urge the FCC to refrain from making changes in the current rules, since neither cable nor the internet offer meaningful alternatives to the already scarce supply of truly local news and local public affairs programs. Thank you.